

cussion was necessary at this stage of the proceedings. They had made application for the permission, but had not yet got it, and after they got permission to issue the debentures they could discuss it then and submit a by law to the ratepayers to say whether they wanted to have them issued.

Ald. Scarrow spoke in support of the plan of making application for the issue of debentures. The notice had already been given, \$100 deposited and in case Ald. Taylor's motion was carried that would be lost. He believed the issue of debentures was the best method, and they could submit a by-law to the ratepayers after the permission was obtained.

In amendment Ald. Kingston moved that the further discussion of the matter be deferred till next meeting. Ald. Cowan seconded.

This amendment was carried on the following division:—

Yeas—Alds. Watson, Green, Cowan, Kingston, Hook, Scarrow, Christie.

Nays—Alds. Taylor, Stringer, Hodgins.

PROTECTION FOR LONDON EAST.

Ald. Green moved, seconded by Ald. Christie, that this Council request the Water-works Commissioners to supply London East with water for fire purposes as far as in their power so to do, and that the fire brigade attend fires in London East where mains can be reached by Water-works water until amalgamation terms are completed or present negotiations broken off.

Ald. Stringer seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Council adjourned for two weeks.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 30, 1885.

A special session of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber on the 30th inst. Present—Mayor Becher (in the chair), Alds. Watson, Taylor, Brown, Hook, Kingston, Christie, O'Meara, Hodgins, Scarrow, Stringer, Green and Cowan.

His Worship explained that the meeting had been called at the request of the joint Committee on Amalgamation, as the London East Council wished to have the question submitted to the people as soon as possible.

Ald. Taylor rose to a question of privilege and moved a motion for the appointment of a Committee to meet a Committee of the County Council in reference to the rebuilding of Oxford street bridge; but he was asked to defer it till after the question was considered.

Ald. Kingston, Chairman of the Joint Committee of the City and London East Councils, then read the report, which had been agreed on as the basis of Amalgamation.

That in consideration of the Council of London East passing the necessary resolution for the submission to the ratepayers of the question of amalgamation, and the ratepayers adopting by-law confirming it, if the City Council pass a similar resolution, the following terms are settled as a part of the basis upon which the amalgamation shall be effected:—

1—That in consideration of the Grand Trunk Railway Company rebuilding, establishing and maintaining within the limits of the amalgamated municipalities, or either of them, Car works or Locomotive or other shops, and giving employment therein to not less than five hundred workmen during the continuance of the exemption, an offer shall be made to them of rebate of taxation of at least \$3,500 per annum, and at least \$500 additional for every additional one hundred workmen for ten years.

2—That during the period of five years from the date of amalgamation the proceeds of the rate levied upon property in London East for street improvement shall be expended in that municipality.

3—That for the period of five years from the date of amalgamation the increase of the amount to be raised by taxation in London East shall be only in proportion to the amount required to furnish London East with such additional advantages as the representatives of London East shall require, or which London East shall receive in consequence of such amalgamation.

4—That the charges relating to Water-works be paid by London East shall be the same as those paid by London proper, and that the

hydrants on Adelaide street in London proper be charged at half rate.

5—That the joint municipality assume the joint assets at their actual cash value, as decided by arbitrators, but the amount of the respective debts over and above the assets borne by each municipality.

6—That all refineries and paraffine works in London East shall be allowed to remain wherever the Council of London East shall by by-law locate them prior to amalgamation, and by-laws of exemptions of the Bennet Manufacturing Co. and London Steel Works from taxation as in the annexed memorandum shall be accepted.

7—That educational matters be left in the hands of the respective School Boards.

8—That a branch fire and police station be established for London East, and the eastern portion of the city if required.

9—That London East constitute one ward, and be known as Ward 5.

10—That all the terms of the amalgamation not settled by the Councils of the respective amalgamating municipalities shall be settled by arbitration, and ratified by special Act if necessary.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

On clause 1,

Ald. Kingston moved its adoption, seconded by Ald. Brown.

In amendment Ald. O'Meara moved that the words "at least" before \$3,500 and \$500 be struck out and the following added:—"And in case the G. T. R. should sell out or lease to any other company, and such company cease to carry out this agreement the exemption shall also cease." Ald. Taylor seconded.

Lost on the following division:—

Yeas—Taylor, O'Meara, Scarrow—3.

Nays—Watson, Green, Cowan, Kingston, Hook, Stringer, Hodgins, Christie—8.

Ald. Brown did not vote.

In amendment to the original motion Ald. Brown moved that the words "at least" before \$500 be struck out. Ald. Hook seconded.

The amendment passed, and the clause as amended was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 adopted.

Clause 4 adopted. Ald. O'Meara asking to have his name recorded against it.

Clause 5 read

Ald. Taylor moved that the report be deferred till next meeting to allow an opportunity for further discussion so that the